

For Teens Only: Pledge to Be an Honest Web Surfer

Engaging in illegal activities can hurt you and members of your family. Perpetrators of Internet crimes are easily traceable, thanks to sophisticated tracking tools used by law enforcement and Internet companies that are at risk for product theft. If you are committing online crime, getting caught is only a matter of time.

Make a pledge not to abuse your Internet privileges. You can be an Honest Web Surfer by promising to follow the Code of Conduct for Honest Web-surfers.

As an Honest Web Surfer, I promise to obey the following rules:

- n | Will talk to my parents about what I'm doing online and agree to discuss with them the Web sites I'm visiting.
- n I promise not to talk to people whom I do not know, and I promise I will never give any stranger my telephone number or address.
- n | Will not sabotage my parents' ability to be the administrator of our computer.
- n For my own safety, I will give my online passwords to my parents if they ask for them.
- n | Will never agree to meet with anyone whom I become acquainted with online.
- n | promise not to download any music that my parents or I have not purchased or was not available for free.
- n | Will never hack into and/or destroy any computer system.
- n | promise not to create any business or auction any goods online, either directly or for someone else.
- n | Will never make purchases using someone else's credit card number because it is a crime that can put me in jail.
- n For my own safety, I will not chat with any of the following individuals: hackers, bootlegged-software peddlers, and members of hate groups or religious cults. They can expose me to danger and illegal activity.

- n | Will not use the Internet to threaten, harass, or bully anyone. I will not participate in email attacks on others and promise not to post messages damaging to another person's reputation.
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